

## News briefs

### SATO Travel limited service

Due to computer maintenance, the SATO Travel office won't be able to provide most services Wednesday, including issuing airline tickets. Call the office at 452-6661 for more information.

### AFSA meeting

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 1681, meets Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Spang Club. People interested in finding out more about the AFSA or planning to join the organization are encouraged to attend. Beverages and snacks are provided.

### Honor Guard needs volunteers

The 52nd Services Squadron Honor Guard program seeks sharp airmen and NCOs to represent the 52nd Fighter Wing at Air Force ceremonies and funerals. People interested in finding out more about this prestigious organization can attend honor guard practice each Monday and Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. behind the base fitness center. Call 452-6783 for details.

### Family Advocacy relocation

The Bitburg Annex branch of the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron Family Advocacy Agency has returned to its office in building 67, across the street from the hospital. Family advocacy provides workshops and information on improving relationships and family quality of life. Call 452-3130 or 452-8279 for more information.

### BASH setup

Big Annual Summer Happening setup begins June 25 in the main parking area of the Bitburg Annex French Caserne. The parking area is closed that morning and throughout the event.

### Passport news

The fee for Reports of Birth abroad for newborns is now \$65 for command-sponsored family members and \$105 for non-command sponsored family members. Call Rita Merkes at 452-6813 for more information. on this or other passport issues.

### Youth volunteers

The 52nd Services Squadron seeks two base teens to manage the youth YES program.

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**Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld shakes hands with H. Wayne Hill, family support center director at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen, Germany, June 7 following brief remarks thanking the international airmen at the base for flying missions over the United States following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.**

## Rumsfeld thanks NATO base for support

### Defense secretary stops at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen to personally laud base's role in war against terrorism

**By Tech. Sgt. Rich Romero**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld stopped briefly June 7 at a small NATO base in Germany to thank the airmen there for "overwhelming" support following Sept. 11.

Addressing two hot topics on the defense secretary's agenda, the war on terrorism and relations between India and Pakistan, Rumsfeld recently wrapped up a 10-day trip spanning Europe, Southwest Asia and the Middle East.

While the bulk of his agenda took place unnoticed to most of the men and women at Spangdahlem Air Base and its geographically separated units, Rumsfeld included on his trip the stop at NATO

Air Base Geilenkirchen. The small installation of about 1,000 people from 13 nations, 170 of whom are attached to the 52nd Fighter Wing, played an historic role in the war on terrorism.

NATO sent five of its NATO Airborne Early Warning and Control Force E-3A Component aircraft, along with aircrew members from the base in Germany, to Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., to free America's radar planes for operations against terrorism elsewhere in the world, according to Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, supreme allied commander, Europe, when the announcement was first made to send the assets.

Alliance officials said the event marked the first time in the organization's 52-year history NATO assets had been used to protect the United States. The move followed the terrorist attacks on America after which NATO invoked Article 5 of its chapter, which stipulates an attack on one NATO nation is considered an attack on all 18-member nations.

"How fitting that Article 5, which had been during the Cold War

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## Major Gen. Michael Wooley takes command of 3rd Air Force

**By Capt. Erin Bradley**  
3rd Air Force Public Affairs Office

**ROYAL AIR FORCE MILDENHALL, England** — Major Gen. Michael W. Wooley accepted the mantle of 3rd Air Force leadership from Maj. Gen. Kenneth W. Hess June 7, with U.S. Air Forces in Europe Commander Gen. Gregory S. Martin officiating.

Although the parting event marked a bittersweet occasion for Hess and 3rd AF personnel, everyone was upbeat and excited about what the future holds.

"As President Dwight D. Eisenhower once said, 'History does not long entrust the care of freedom to the weak or timid,' and the people of 3rd Air Force repeatedly stepped forward with pride and strength," Hess said. "My wife Deb and I thank every one of you for your help, your loyalty and your friendship that you've given us during these two remarkable years. We will carry the memory of our time at 3rd Air Force in our heads, and hearts, forever."

Hess, accompanied by his wife and their daughter Jenna, will be taking over as

commander of the U.S. Air Force Safety Center, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Wooley is coming from his position as commander of the Tanker Airlift Control Center, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. The TACC is responsible for planning, scheduling and directing a fleet of more than 1,400 aircraft in support of combat delivery and strategic airlift, air refueling and aeromedical operations around the world.

"I'm following a great man who has led

this team in accomplishing great things," Wooley said. "You have my assurance that I will do my best to carry on that tradition. I'm looking forward to the diversity of the mission here, to something new every day."

The numbered air force is responsible for all U.S. Air Force operations and support activities in Europe north of the Alps, and in Africa, south of the Sahara. The 3rd Air Force is an integral part of America's commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. (USAFE News Service)

## Accidents

**By John Keeler**  
52d Security Forces Squadron  
Reports and Analysis

Team Eifel members experienced 16 vehicle accidents in the past week, two of which were major.

The first accident was at the intersection of Südring and Mötschstraße near the Bitburger Brewery. A security forces squadron investigation found that an American driver failed to yield the right of way before turning left onto Mötschstraße when a local national broad-sided the American-driver’s vehicle.

The local national sustained minor neck injuries and was transported to the Bitburg Krankenhaus. Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

The second accident was on L-49 near Arenrath.

An airman who was traveling toward Niersbach slid into the on-coming traffic lane and collided with a local national. A security forces squadron investigation determined the combination of wet roads, excessive speed and braking in the middle of the curve caused the American driver to lose control of the vehicle.

There were no injuries reported. The airman’s vehicle sustained front-end damage. The other vehicle sustained only minor damage. The airman’s vehicle was towed from the scene.

The 14 minor accidents involved:

■Three from backing.

■Eleven from inattentive driving.

In addition, 23 citations were issued, and two driving-under-the-influence related incidents occurred Saturday, bringing the annual DUI count to 23.

**There’s safety in numbers ...  
Instead of risking a DUI or an accident,  
call Airmen Against Drunk Driving  
at 0656561-2233.**



Tech. Sgt. Cecil Daw

### Keeping things ‘in-tow’

**Airman 1st Class Kellar Moore, 23rd Expeditionary Fighter Squadron crew chief, connects a tow bar to a unit F-16CJ while at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey on an Air Expeditionary Force deployment. The unit recently swapped out many of those deployed with people back at Spangdahlem Air Base at the mid-way point of its 90-day rotation supporting Operations Northern Watch. Moore returned during the swap-out and squadron members in Turkey now are scheduled to return in mid-July.**

# Airmen receive Articles 15, courts-martialed

## Nonjudicial punishment, courts-martial sentences handed out during May

*(Editor’s note: Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice does not specify particular punishments for any offense. Commanders considering nonjudicial punishment consider the nature of the offense; the record of the service member; the needs for good order and discipline; and the effect of nonjudicial punishment of the service member and the service member’s record.)*

During May, 15 Spangdahlem airmen received nonjudicial punishment under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Also in May, three airmen were convicted in courts-martial, one appeared in the May 17 Eifel Times.

■A master sergeant violated Article 128 by unlawfully touching and fondling a female airman first class. The commander imposed a reduction to technical sergeant, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

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■A staff sergeant violated Article 121 by stealing personal property. The commander imposed a reduction to senior airman.

■A senior airman violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class and 14 days extra duty.

■A senior airman violated Article 86 by failing to report to work on time and Article 134 by reporting to work

intoxicated. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, 30 days restriction, 14 days extra duty and a reprimand.

■A senior airman violated Article 81, by failing to report potentially disqualifying information, Article 92 by failing to maintain car insurance and Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to airman first class, forfeiture of \$250 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

■An airman first class violated Article 92 by failing to report drug abuse by other military members. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, suspended forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

■An airman first class violated Article 92 by failing to report drug abuse by other military members and Article 92 by misusing his government travel card. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 14 days restriction and 14 days extra duty.

■An airman first class violated Article 111 by driving drunk. The commander imposed a reduction to airman and suspended forfeiture of \$200 pay per month for two months.

■An airman first class violated Article 86 by failing to report for work on time and Article 134 by reporting to work intoxicated. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman, forfeiture of \$100 pay per month for two months, 15 days extra duty and 15 days restriction.

■An airman violated Article 107 by saying he paid a dishonored check at Army, Air Force Exchange Service, which was false. The commander imposed a suspended reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of \$100 pay, 30 days restriction to Spangdahlem Air Base and 30 days restriction from facilities that serve alcohol, except for official functions, and 14 days extra duty.

■An airman violated Article 112a by wrongfully using

marijuana. The commander imposed a reduction to airman basic, 30 days restriction, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand. The airman is being processed for administrative discharge from the Air Force.

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### Courts-martial

■An airman from the 606th Air Control Squadron was found guilty in a general court-martial May 17 and sentenced by a judge alone.

Airman First Class Fabian Fortunato was found guilty of wrongfully using and distributing drugs to include marijuana and mushrooms containing psilocybin. Fortunato was found in violation of eight specifications under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Fortunato was sentenced to confinement for one year, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

■An airman from the 22nd Fighter Squadron was found guilty in a special court-martial also here May 29 and sentenced by a judge alone.

Airman First Class Robert Slentz was found guilty of wrongfully using drugs, to include marijuana and mushrooms containing psilocybin, unlawfully entering a dormitory room and disorderly conduct. Slentz was found in violation of three specifications under Article 112a of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and two specifications under Article 134 of the UCMJ.

Slentz was sentenced to confinement for three months, reduction to E-1 and a bad conduct discharge.

# Financial hardship among airmen preventable

By Master Sgt. Ron Tull  
Air Force Print News

The Air Force emphasizes financial awareness among its people following a recent survey showing hardship may be on the rise for airmen in grades E-3 through E-5.

The Web-based survey of 15,900 active-duty airmen in those grades was conducted in December 2000, said Shontelle Rivers, chief of financial programs for the Air Force family matters office in the Pentagon. She said the study revealed 42 percent of those responding reported difficulty in paying their bills.

“It’s not just a matter of balancing the checkbook,” she said. “It’s a matter of being a smarter consumer. So we’re trying to take a more proactive approach to educating airmen about options that are available while we try to develop new ones.”

The survey shows personal debt among airmen increased by a third between 1996 and 2000. The situation may be even worse than reported, Rivers said, because the survey does not include home or car loans.

According to Bill Triplett, Spangdahlem Air Base personal financial counselor, impulse buying is one way some base members get deep into debt.

“I see individuals who can be talked into buying anything,” he said. “I also see people who don’t plan or set financial goals. They spend until it’s gone and don’t save for the large purchases.”

The Air Force is promoting financial wellness in part by encouraging supervisors to emphasize the “Financial Responsibility” section on the Performance Feedback Worksheet.

“That block has always been there, and it’s a good mentoring opportunity to head off any problems, as well as a

**Personal financial planning 101**

Getting financially fit is simple and available free of charge at the base family support center personal finance office.

“The most difficult part is the first step – recognizing that things just aren’t the way you want them to be and you want more out of you money,” said Bill Triplett, Spangdahlem Air Base personal financial counselor.

1. Make a financial counseling appointment by calling 452-6422. Bring in a copy of a recent Leave and Earning Statement, bills and other earnings.
2. At counseling, Triplett helps airmen develop a spending plan that fits their personal situation. If necessary a Power Pay plan will be developed, so airmen can shorten the time it takes to get out of debt. Also, Triplett can develop a customized savings plan, to help airmen achieve their financial goals.
3. Attend financial classes on the various subjects needed. Triplett offers monthly classes on money management, basic investing, picking mutual funds and more.

chance to link financial responsibility with readiness,” Rivers said.

Debt levels of junior airmen are similar to those of their civilian counterparts, according to the survey. But Rivers points out permanent change-of-station moves, temporary duty assignments and deployments move can quickly change an

airmen’s debt-to-income ratio.

“If airmen aren’t financially prepared, they are less likely to be concentrating on their military mission, which is our whole purpose for being here,” she said.

Credit is where problems often start, Rivers said. The survey showed 38 percent of the airmen responding carried more than \$10,000 dollars in unsecured debt.

Loan offices located near military bases usually offer short-term, high-interest payday loans. Most airmen are wise enough to stay away from those types of establishments, but not always, Rivers said. The lure of “easy money” to purchase high-dollar items today and worry about paying it off later seems to be the problem.

“We want airmen to know there’s a better way to do business,” she said. “That’s why we stress the importance of consumer education. There’s a tendency to buy on credit when it may be better to save up to buy something.”

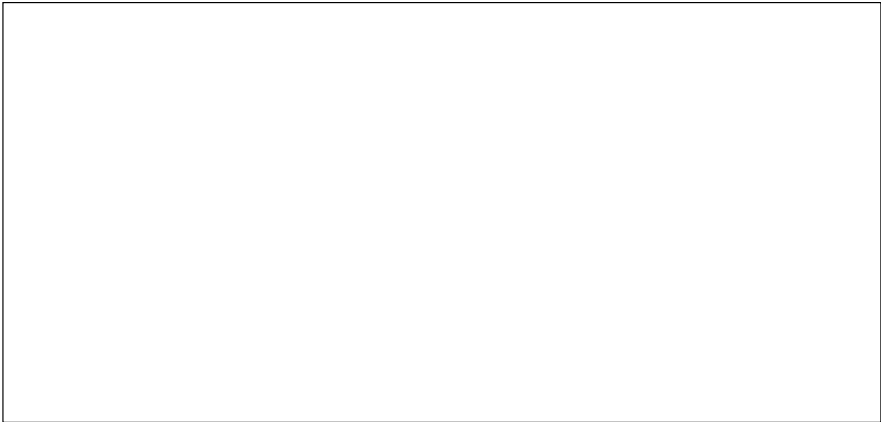
Triplett suggests airmen improve their financial outlook by setting immediate, intermediate and long-term goals.

“Post the list somewhere in the home where you can see it daily as a reminder of what your working and sacrificing for,” he said.

Also, be aware of where the paycheck is going and make changes in spending when it conflicts with your goals, Triplett advises.

## Rumsfeld

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**Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld animates a point with hand gestures during a speech thanking the international airmen at NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen.**

a promise of the U.S. helping Europe ... that it would be first invoked not for that purpose, but so that Europe could assist the United States,” Rumsfeld said.

For more than seven months, about 800 people from “GK” took part in Operation Eagle Assist, with about 200 at a time in the United States. While there, they flew more than 360 sorties logging more than 4,300 flying hours.

During his base visit, the secretary spoke to a crowd of about 600 international airmen and civilians and presented a Joint Meritorious Unit Award. The award includes the 470th Air Base Squadron assigned there as well, according to a senior U.S. Navy officer accompanying Rumsfeld in response

to a question from the crowd.

“I thank each of you for your courage, your dedication ... which you demonstrate every day, but especially for your contributions to America’s defense in a time of need,” Rumsfeld said following the presentation. “You are allies in the truest sense of the word and the American people are grateful to each one of you.”

After accepting the citation accompanying the award of the joint decoration, U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Gary Winterberger, component commander, said his unit didn’t see defending the United States as a job, but rather as an obligation.

“We looked at it as a personal obligation, a national obligation and an international

obligation,” the general said.

While members of the crowd agreed it was an obligation, they felt honored the defense secretary would personally deliver a thank you.

“What an honor ... certainly once in a lifetime, especially for an NCO,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Irene Griffith, an information manager with the NATO unit and who spent five weeks supporting Operation Eagle Assist. “His words were inspirational.”

H. Wayne Hill, the family support center director for GK, was onboard a commercial aircraft Sept. 11, destined for his job at Geilenkirchen. He was immediately thrust into action supporting family members there.

“How special for someone that high in the food chain to personally deliver his message and the (citation) in person,” he said. “I know people here really appreciate that he would come to little GK instead of sending a letter.”

Before traveling to the base, the secretary stopped in London to meet with British Secretary of State for Defense Geoffrey Hoon, then to Brussels, Belgium, to attend multilateral NATO defense ministerial meetings, including the first NATO-Russia Committee talks, said a senior defense official.

After the visit to GK, Rumsfeld scheduled stops in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, all nations hoping to one day join the alliance. From there, the defense official said, the secretary plans to meet with senior defense officials in India and Pakistan to help smooth relations between the two skirmishing countries.(American Force Press Service contributed to this story.)

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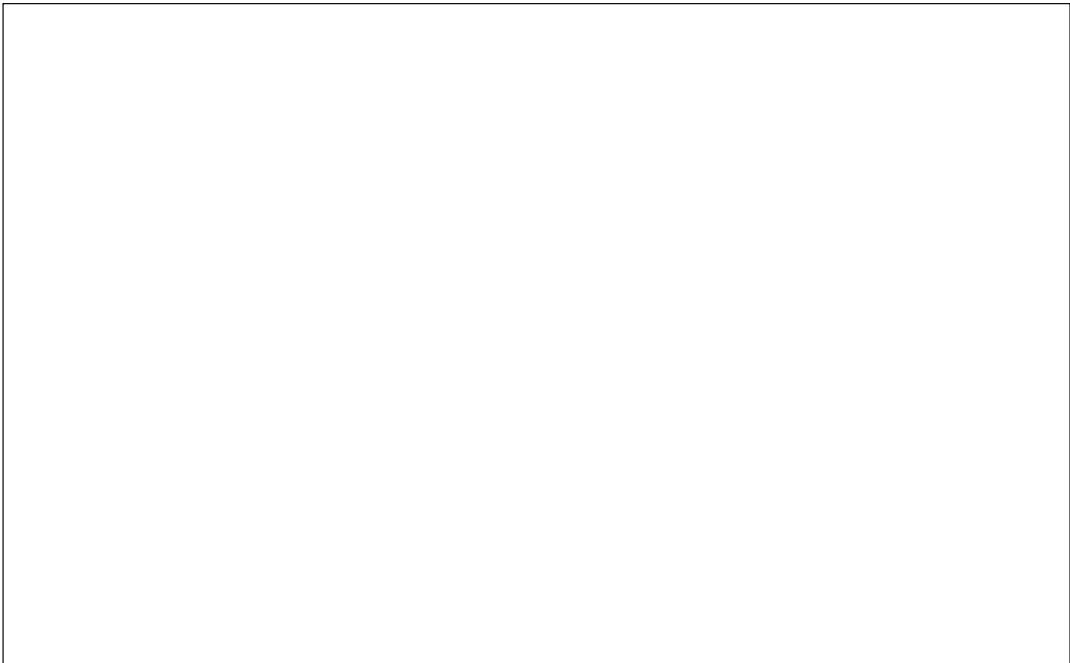
Teens can earn \$4 hourly toward a college fund for volunteer work. Students can earn a maximum of \$1,000. Additionally, the Air Force Aid Society donates \$2 for each hour volunteered toward base quality-of-life programs. Call Tom Gilbert at 452-7545 for more information.

### Base Web site

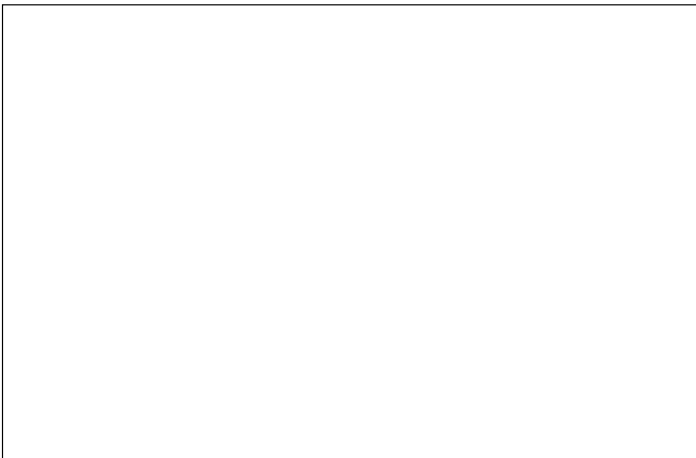
Newcomers can request mailboxes online by visiting Spangdahlem AB’s .mil Web site at <http://wwwmil.spangdahlem.af.mil/>. Access the request site by clicking on the First Look image, then on Getting Here and Online Mailbox Request links.

### Community relations

The 52nd Fighter Wing Community Relations Office seeks people of various talents to register as a community-relations volunteer. Volunteers provide the office points-of-contact for local event requests. Talents may include dancing groups, choirs, musicians and historical associations. Call 452-6434 or e-mail Bernard.Schaefer- (no hyphen) @spangdahlem.af.mil for more information.



Staff Sgt. Esperanza Berrios



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

**Left: Staff Sgt. Kathy Major, 52nd Operations Support Squadron airfield management training chief, and Master Sgt. Anthony Bunch, 52nd OSS airfield manager, gather debris found on a newly repaved asphalt runway. Above: Staff Sgt. Charissa Allsup, airfield management operations interum chief, records aircraft arrival and departure times on the unit airfield status tracking database.**

# Airfield operations lands Air Force award

## Commander credits ‘back-to-basics’ movement for guiding flight into winning formation

**By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey**  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Air Force officials recently named the Spangdahlem Air Base airfield operations flight the best in the service and its commander, Capt. Rick Ricker, as airfield officer of the year.

Gaining that type of prestige is quite a feat because it requires an all-or-none attitude from all three of the airfield operations units, said the flight commander.

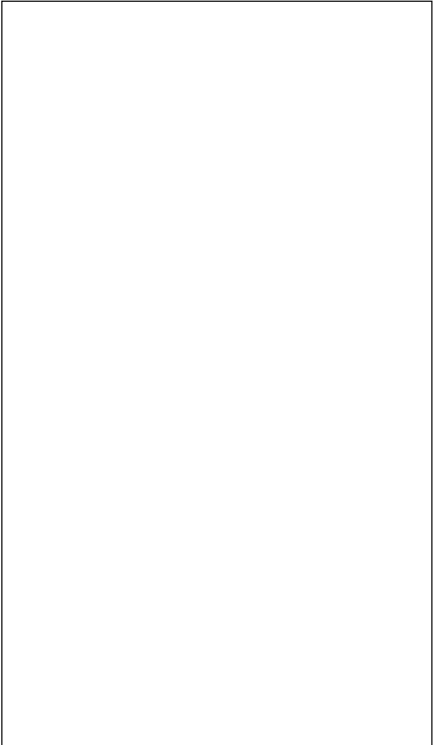
“We’re very good at what we do,” he said. “I attribute our success to three things: high-quality people, strong leadership and lateral support. Our people are the best I’ve ever worked with. I let chief controllers do their job and they’ve never let me down.”

According to Ricker, airfield operations members set their sights on landing the team award more than a year ago when unit chiefs joined forces in a “back-to-basics” movement. The goal was to bring the flight’s three agencies – airfield management, control tower and ground approach – together as one organization, he explained. Getting back to basics, such as maintaining military professional standards on- and off-duty, guided the flight back to high performance standards and Air Force recognition.

Last year, in addition to the flight’s mission of orchestrating the take-off and landing of about 35 aircraft daily, the flight also flawlessly deployed more than 250 aircraft in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Clear, open lines of communications are what made the high-operations tempo work without a glitch, said Senior Master Sgt. Frederick Soechting, air traffic control chief.

“Most places you go you have the airfield operations complex – all the facilities are separated from one another,” he said. “Here I think we’re an airfield operations team. I’ve never had a relationship with base operations folks like we have here. This is because we all get together and speak openly about issues.”



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

Throughout 2001, the flight also managed 20 airfield construction projects worth more than \$18 million, in addition to assisting planning for the \$158 million Rhein-Main transition program.

“Every time we have to close a taxiway, we have to notify air traffic control so they’ll know how to direct the traffic,” explained Master Sgt. Anthony Bunch, airfield manager. “An important part of our job is finding ways to minimize the impact on flight operations by phasing construction projects and relaying the information to the fighter squadrons.”

“Back to basics” has also inspired the flight’s aggressive training program, credited with 44 position certifications and 16 facility ratings within the year. To reach such numbers, unit chiefs maintained a



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey

**Left: Airman 1st Class Ivan Rodriquez, air traffic control apprentice, front, tracks aircraft arrivals and departures as Airman 1st Class Jesse Pinkerton, ATC journeyman, coordinates with Frankfurt Air Traffic Control Center for take-off clearances. Above: Senior Airman Scott Simmon and Airman 1st Class Joseph Sollers, ground control approach operators, train Senior Airman Sarah Knoll on guiding inbound aircraft.**

stringent training program, which piggy-backed off of technical school training.

Because the job is so demanding, only about two-thirds of the airmen who apply for control tower and ground control approach positions make it through technical school, said Senior Master Sgt. Clint Bateman, ground control approach chief. Then, upon arrival to Spangdahlem AB, new airmen undergo daily simulator training and book study until they prove their proficiency.

Airman Scott Simmons, ground control operator and trainer, went through such training and said although it’s tough, he agrees it’s effective in preparing new controllers for real-world job pressures.

In their job, ground controllers have about two minutes to guide F-16 pilots flying at about 150 knots at 15 miles out from the base in for

safe landing. Clear, precise communications is essential, Simmons said. Constant practice and testing are the only ways to learn how to stay cool under pressure.

Throughout 2001, the flight has garnered 13 awards as prestigious as the Commander-in-Chief Installation Excellence, Special Recognition Award.

“We have a saying, ‘The fun never ends here because there’s always something going on,’” said the flight commander. “It’s a daily challenge, because there’s so much going on here. There isn’t a day that doesn’t go by we’re not coordinating a construction project, dealing with air traffic control issues, trying to get feedback from pilots or tweaking our operations to optimize our efficiency and provide the safest service possible.”

# Bitburg grads bid farewell to high school years

Compiled from staff reports

Bitburg High School held its graduation ceremony June 7 in Hangar 1.

Alexys R. Maxwell received top honors from Bitburg American High School Class of 2002.

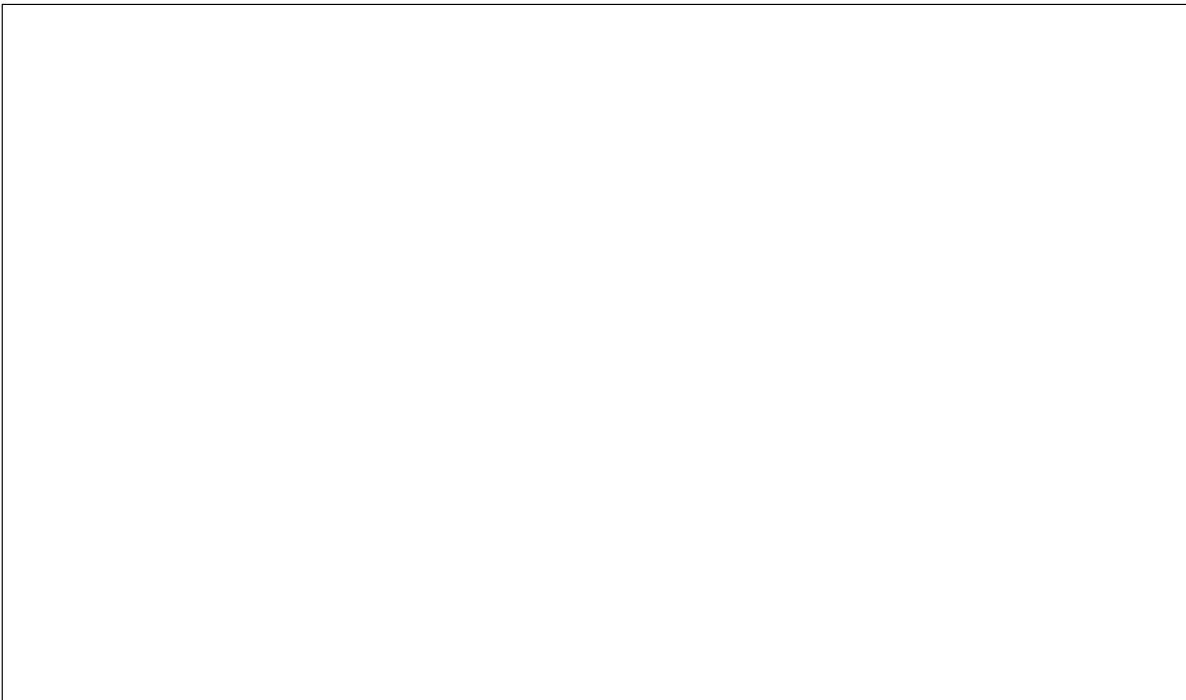
During the June 7 graduation ceremony in Hangar 1, the daughter of Lt. Col. Keith Maxwell, 52nd Fighter Wing Transition Office, gave the graduation speech as the class valedictorian.

At a recognition ceremony held earlier in June, Kara L. Carline, Travis R. Carr, Jennifer R. Coleman, Ashley E. Cox, Rowena L. J. Cutaran, John J. Heppe, Heather M. Hughen, Maxwell, Holly N. McClure, Chad D. Pumbo, Kayla M. Swenson and Kristi S. Wilding were named the BHS Scholarship Association scholarship recipients.

Maxwell also received a scholarship from Mary Washington College and Carline earned a Texas A&M Academic Achievement scholarship. McClure received one from the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Memorial Committee. Pumbo, gained an Air Force ROTC scholarship and an appointment to U.S. Air Force Academy. Wilding earned a scholarship from Ricks College.

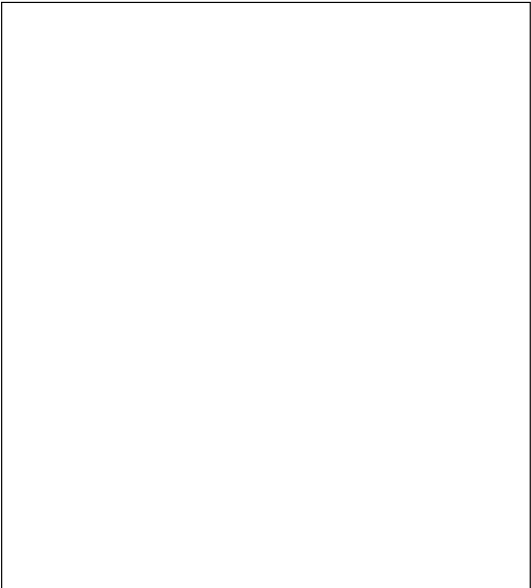
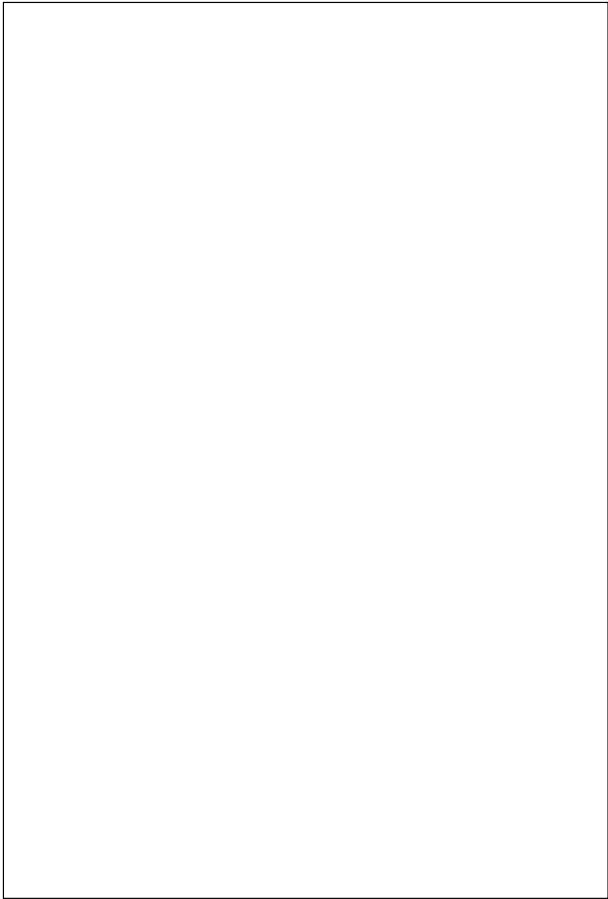
Other graduates were:

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- Stephanie R. Barnes
- Steven B. Barnes Jr.
- Chad M. Birnie
- Matthew J. R. Blackburn
- Joshua A. Blake
- Noel L. Brannock
- Ernest J. Burr Jr.
- Quenessa R. A. Bush
- Ritchie C. Cristobal
- Charles H. Culberson IV
- Shayne M. Czyzewski
- Susan J. Flesch
- Tiffany L. George
- Osiris I. Gonzalez
- Angela P. Graham
- Andrew S. Gray
- Rya M. Hawks
- Troy L. Hendrix
- Matthew J. Holas
- Jessica A. Hoover
- Julia M. Kaczocha
- Casey M. Kahle
- Danyelle R. Kenepp
- Temisha P. Lesane
- Michelle E. Lewis
- Tiffany A. Mailman
- Courtney Martz
- Constance M. Maziel
- Kelly B. Negley
- Mark A. Negrette
- Briana R. O’Sullivan
- Geoffrey A. Peele
- Jason D. Quick
- Daniel G. Ray
- Daneshia R. Roberson
- Ashley A. Rosel
- Preston G. Runquist
- Rachel L. Sanders
- Rebecca P. Savage
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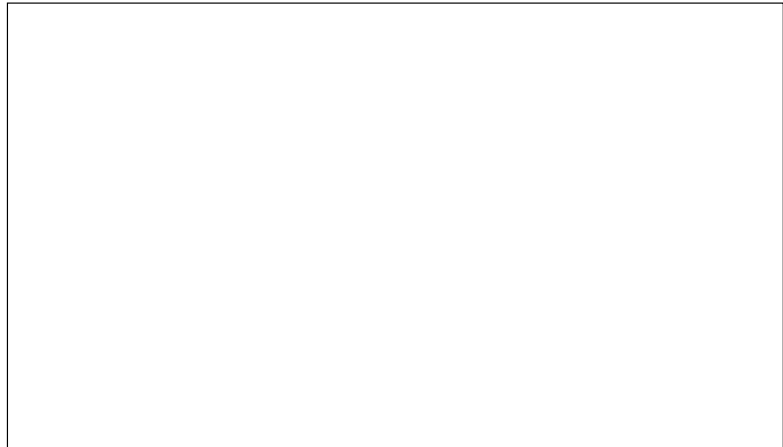


Photos by Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

Bitburg graduates toss their caps together in the air to symbolize the end of a well-earned journey at the end of the graduation ceremony.



Above: This year's valedictorian, Alexys Maxwell, delivers a speech for family, friends, guests and graduating classmates. Left: Kristi Wilding lets her emotions loose while hugging a loved one after the graduation ceremony.



One of the graduates rises as his name is read in a limerick authored by the teachers to highlight the year’s events and student activities.

Community Mailbox

CAC news

The following activity takes place in the Spangdahlem Air Base Community Activities Center, building 124. Call 452-7381 for more information.

■Magic game tournament, June 29 starting at 10:30 a.m. Game cards provided. All skill levels welcome.

Hobbyriders meeting

The Wilsecker 6th Annual Hobbyriders and Horseblessing Meeting takes place Saturday from 1-9 p.m. and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A country and western band performs at 8 p.m. in the festival tent.

European cowboys

People interested in forming a Spangdahlem Air Base rodeo team and participating in European Rodeo Cowboy Association events can call Staff Sgt. David Scott at 06565-934843 for more information.

Special needs meeting

Helping Hands, a support group for children with special needs, meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Air Base youth center. Dinner and childcare are provided. Call 452-8238 for more information.

Craft classes

The following classes take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 189. Register at least one week early for all classes by calling the Craft Corner at 452-4141.

■One-day tole painting, June 25 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus cost of wood.

■Framing, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$25.

■Photo cropping, June 28 from 6-11 p.m. Cost is \$10, plus supplies.

The following classes take place in Bitburg Annex building 2002.

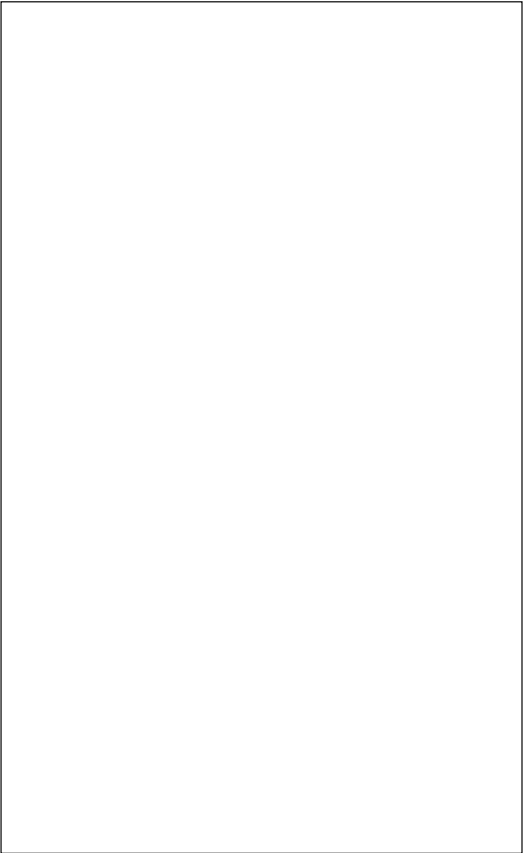
■One-day tole painting, June 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$12, plus wood.

Family support center news

The following take place in Spangdahlem Air Base building 307. Call 452-6422 to register or for more information.

■Pre-separation consultation, Monday and June 24 from 9-10:30 a.m.

■Pre-deployment briefing for active-duty and spouses, Tuesday and June 25 from 8-9 a.m.



Airman 1st Class Karolina Gmyrek

**Frank Butler, played by Tech. Sgt. Bill Franklin, 606th Air Control Squadron, describes to Annie Oakley, played by Staff Sgt. Jennie Altheimer, 52nd Fighter Wing Command Post, the kind of woman he desires in the ACT-Eifel production of "Annie get Your Gun" June 8 in the Spangdahlem Community Activity Center. Additional shows take place Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Cost is \$3 per child age 6-12 years, and \$5 for adults.**

- Four-week conversational French course, begins Monday from 6-8 p.m.
- European jobseekers, June 24 from noon to 1 p.m.
- The following take place in Bitburg Annex building 2001. Call 452-9491 to register or for more information.
- Home-buying seminar, Tuesday from 6-8 p.m.
- Travel by Train to Trier, June 21 and 28, meets at the Bitburg Annex commissary parking lot at 7:45 a.m. The trip is open to all military ID holders.
- Spouses’ Day Out trip to London, June 29. Cost is \$85.

First aid class

The American Red Cross offers a class in community first aid and safety June 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The

course includes infant, child and adult CPR training. Registration deadline is Thursday. Cost is \$40. Call 452-9440 or 452-9241 for details or to register.

Gospel concert

“Best Friends” from Lubbock Christian University presents a free concert June 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex Chapel. Call 06561-942154 for details.

Hummel Signing

An artist autographs Hummel figurines purchased at the Bitburg Main Exchange June 28-29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Education news

■Embry-Riddle University offers a class on aviation law starting June 28 and a three-weekend course on airport planning and design starting June 29. Call 452-7553 or visit the branch office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for details.

■University of Maryland University College offers a field study on the Trier history July 29-Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Registration deadline is July 26. Call the base education office at 452-6063 or visit the office in Spangdahlem Air Base building 131 for more information.

Eifel Wanderers

The group’s next march takes place in Aalen, Germany, June 29. Transportation departs the Bitburg Annex commissary at 2 a.m. and Spangdahlem Air Base commissary at 2:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adult club members and \$15 for children. Annual club membership costs \$5. Call Theresa Stevens at 06569-963184 for more information or to register.

Scholarships

The Air Force Services Agency offers the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship to students of current club members. To qualify, applicants submit an essay of less than 500 words about how Air Force clubs help military traditions continue. Base services officials will select two scholarship entries to compete at Air Force level. The prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. Submission deadline is July 15. Call the 52nd Services Squadron Marketing Office at 452-6466 for more information.

Scouting news

Cub Scout day camp takes place Aug. 5-9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Preist sportplatz. Activities include hiking, marksmanship practice and more. The event is open to boys entering first through fifth grades. Cost is \$50 for registered scouts and \$58 for non-scouting members. The fee includes a T-shirt and a patch. Registration deadline is July 1. Also, activity managers seek camp volunteers 18 years and older. Permissive TDY has been used in the past has been approved by unit commanders for active-duty members to participate. Call John or Larisa Kennedy at 06562-931258 for more information.

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Col. Greg Ihde  
Accessing Direct Line

The Direct Line program is a way to get answers to questions you still have after using your chain of command.

Direct Lines of general interest will be published in the *Eifel Times* and may be edited or paraphrased for brevity or clarity. Submit your Direct Line via:

- DirectLine@spangdahlem.af.mil
- Mailed to 52nd FW/PA, Unit 3680 Box 220, APO AE 09126
- To public affairs in building 23.
- Concerns may also be sent via fax to 452-5254.

Anonymous inputs are accepted. To receive a personal response you must include your name and phone number. Call the Eifel Times at 452-5244 for more information.

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## Pay yourself first

# Investing today can pay off tomorrow

By Master Sgt. Russell Carnahan  
52nd Mission Support Squadron first sergeant

I have always been told you should pay yourself first, but what about those credit card bills tacking on an 18-percent finance charge to my bill? Shouldn't I pay them off first? I suggest you pay yourself first.

Here's the scoop:

If you owe \$10,000 and you wanted to get it paid off in five years, your consistent monthly payment for five years would be about \$254. At an 18-percent finance charge, it will cost about \$15,235 to pay the debt. The total interest you pay comes to about \$5,235. If you add \$40 monthly to the payment, it would still cost roughly \$14,108 to pay it off. Only a \$1,127 dent in the bill.

Instead of adding another \$40 monthly to paying off the credit card bill, here's an alternative. Pay yourself first.

If a 25-year-old invests \$10 weekly in a fund earning 10-percent interest annually, when the investor turns 65, the \$520 investment will have grown to more than \$20,000. If the investor continues the same investment for five years with a total of \$2,600 invested, at age 65, he or she will have earned more than \$90,000.

The sad fact is, too often, there's more motivation to pay rent than investing in the future. Most of us would live on Spagettios and Ramen noodles to make sure we pay our commitments to others, but not to ourselves.

The Thrift Savings Plan (or any retirement fund) is a good way to help you make a commitment to pay yourself first for a more secure future.

For more information about TSP and other investment plans, call Bill Triplett, base personal financial counselor, at 452-6422.

## Leadership

# Squadron commander shares top-10 words of wisdom

By Lt. Col. John Sieverling  
308th Fighter Squadron commander

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. — What better way to explain what leadership means than by sharing my "Top 10 List" of quotes that have left a lasting impression on me through 10 assignments and 18 years of military service.

10. "Take care of your people, and they'll take care of you."

I'm not sure who came up with this early version of "putting people first." It should be rather obvious, but too many superiors, myself included at times, spend too much time passing e-mail back and forth instead of getting out of the office and personally interacting with people. Loyalty and trust work both ways.

9. "If mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy."

Yes, this is a leadership quote, even if I read it on my mother-in-law's potholder. The obligations of military duty often conflict with achieving marital bliss, but take every opportunity to make sure your significant other is enjoying the ride. Also, a quick "How's it going?" phone call to a deployed member's spouse will do more for retention than you will ever know.

8. "A good plan, violently executed now, is better than a perfect plan next week."

Gen. George S. Patton Jr. was obviously speaking in terms of land combat, but I contend this certainly applies in peacetime as well. Nothing can be more frustrating than waiting days or weeks for the boss to make that perfect decision. Get the best information available, make the call and move ahead.

7. "Treat others like you want to be treated."

A famous Jewish carpenter said this more than 2,000 years ago, but the "Golden Rule" holds true in leadership situations as well. When you think that your rank permits you to be rude or disrespectful, please seek alternative



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employment — you are now demanding respect instead of commanding it. That sucking sound was your departing credibility.

6. "Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."

This is Patton's ultimate anti-micromanagement quote. Although it's often easier to tell your subordinates exactly how to do a particular task, who says you know the smartest way to do it? Micromanagement stifles initiative and kills motivation. The folks in the trenches know the best way, so practice "centralized control and decentralized execution" and get out of the way.

5. "You don't get promoted; your records do."

I'm not sure when I first heard this one, but it makes enormous sense. Your subordinate may, in fact, be the sharpest officer or NCO meeting that board, but if his or her records don't say so, too bad. Individually, make sure your records are error-free months before that board convenes.

4. "You catch more flies with honey than vinegar."

I've seen too many junior NCOs and officers try to use their rank to solve problems instead of using kindergarten basics like courtesy and respect. While you don't have to "sell" your guidance, there is no reason to immediately pull rank or talk down to a subordinate. Always reach for the carrot first; use the stick only as a last resort.

3. "When the eagles are silent, the parrots will begin to jabber."

Winston Churchill offered some great advice to those in leadership positions: glaring problems in your unit won't go away by ignoring them and get worse as the rumor mill cranks up. Know what your airmen are concerned about and confront those issues head-on, however unpleasant it may be.

2. "Be an example to your men in your duty and in private life. Never spare yourself and let the troops see that you don't in your endurance of fatigue and privation. Always be tactful and well-mannered, and teach your subordinates to be the same. Avoid excessive sharpness or harshness of voice, which usually indicates the man who has shortcomings of his own to hide."

I wasn't too fond of this long quote I had to memorize 22 years ago at the Air Force Academy, but here, Field Marshall Erwin Rommel puts leadership by example in a nutshell. Enough said.

1. "The three Fs of priorities: Faith, Family, and Air Force."

Not many commanders will say your job comes in third place behind your relatives and your spiritual health, but I contend this is the proper priority for a successful Air Force career of any length. Ask any former Prisoner of War what carried them through their ordeal. If you are not actively growing in your faith, please visit your local chaplain or place of worship as soon as possible — there is nothing more important. (Courtesy of Air Education and Training Command News Service)

Movies

All movies play at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. More synopsis information is available at [www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp).

**Bitburg Castle**

**Today**  
*Murder By Numbers (R)*  
Starring Sandra Bullock and Ben Chaplin. A tenacious homicide detective and her new partner become pitted against two malevolently brilliant high-school students in a battle of wits as they try to solve a murder case. (Language, sex and drug use.)

**Saturday**  
*Murder By Numbers*

**Sunday**  
*Showtime (PG-13)*  
Starring Robert DeNiro and Eddie Murphy. Two very different police officers — a no-nonsense type and an outlandish rookie with attitude, are forced to work together. As stars of a new reality-based TV show, a city’s police department hopes the two will boost their image. (Action violence, language and drug content.)

**Closed Monday and Tuesday**

**Wednesday**  
*Murder By Numbers*

**Thursday**  
*Blade II (R)*  
Starring Wesley Snipes and Kris Kristofferson. After an accident triggers the deadly “blood tide,” vampire-warrior Blade must find a way to save the world. Blade’s team and the Bloodpack are the only line of defense to prevent the Reaper population from wiping out the vampire and human populations. (Violence, language, drug use and sexuality.)

**Spangdahlem Skyline**

**Today**  
*Spider-Man (PG-13)*  
After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker’s body chemistry is altered. He can scale walls and develops a “spider-sense” that warns him of approaching danger. Adopting the name “Spider-Man,” Peter first uses his new powers to make money, but after his uncle is murdered, he swears to use his powers to fight the evil that killed his uncle. (Violence and action.)

*Death To Smoochy (R, 10 p.m.)*  
Rainbow Randolph is the highest rated kid’s show on TV. When Randolph gets busted for bribes, the network needs a squeaky-clean replacement. Enter Sheldon and his alter-ego, a fuscia rhino character named Smoochy. Sheldon soon learns, however, children’s television is a dangerous world steeped in corruption and violence. His biggest problem isn’t ratings or corporate politics, it’s Rainbow Randolph. (Language and sexual references.)

*Spider-Man (Midnight)*

**Saturday**  
*Ice Age (PG, 1 p.m.)*  
During the Ice Age, 20,000 years ago, the planet’s creatures begin migrating south to avoid frostbite. Manny, Sid, Diego and Roshan embark on an incredible journey. They narrowly escape avalanches, battle over food, careen through a prehistoric roller coaster of ice funnels and traverse ice bridges over lakes of volcanic lava. (Peril.)

*Ice Age (4 p.m.)*

*Spider-Man*

*Monster’s Ball (R, 10 p.m.)*  
A young man raised in a racist family falls in love with the widow of an African-American inmate at a death-row prison. The trouble is, she has no idea of the young man’s connection to her dead husband. (Sexual content, language and violence.)

**Sunday**  
*Ice Age (1 p.m.)*

*Ice Age (4 p.m.)*

*Monster’s Ball*

**Monday**  
*Death To Smoochy*

**Tuesday**  
*Spider-Man*

**Closed Wednesday and Thursday**

Times and movies are subject to change.  
For the most current information,  
call 452-9441.



Maj. Francisco G. Hamm

Visitors of the “Five Times the Roman Experience in Trier” program tour the city Kaiserthermen. The city and state sponsored program was developed to entice visitors to actually go inside the monuments and walk around. The program includes guided tours for those interested in more facts and historical perspectives.

# Trier : Five Roman monuments, one memorable experience

By Major Francisco G. Hamm  
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

They came, they bathed and they conquered. Two thousand years after the Romans discovered Trier, five ruins representing their opulent glory continue to capture the imaginations of 4 million visitors annually who journey to this metropolis by the Mosel.

Known as the capital of the Roman Empire, north of the Alps, Trier was named Augusta Treverorum, “City of Augustus in the territory of Treveri,” in 16 B.C. by the Romans and as the oldest city in Germany, it is like no other German city influenced by roman culture. Although luscious grapes and delicious wines are synonymous with Trier, it’s the Roman treasures sprinkled throughout the city that truly give the city its character and its influence.

A new program called “Five Times the Roman Experience in Trier” looks to assist visitors who are interested in learning more about Trier’s Roman heritage and garner a different perspective through close-up study of the five main ruins and monuments that dart the city.

The city is loaded with Roman ruins and some yet to be unearthed, as it was discovered in the late 1980’s. During excavations for a downtown parking garage for a local bank in 1987, the city discovered ties to pre-historic times. The Forum baths were uncovered, dating back to 50 B.C. when Caesar’s legionnaires had reached the area and shortly afterwards, in about 17 B.C., the city of the Mighty Augustus in the land of the Treverer – Augusta Trevortooom – came into being. The Romans held sway here for more than five centuries.

This Roman ruin, the Thermen am Viehmarkt (Forum Baths), is now one of the five Roman ruins or monument part of this program. The other four include the city’s landmark, the Porta Nigra (Black Gate), the Amphitheater, the Barbarathermen (Foundations of the Barbara baths) and the Kaiserthermen (Imperial baths).

Ticket for the “Five Times” tour in euro cost 14.80 for a family of four, 6.20 for adults, 3.10 for youth and 2.50 for children. The tour runs now through Nov. 3.

In conjunction with the “Five Times” program, the city also provides the Trier Tour bus service, available specifically to view Tier’s historic sights, including the five monuments.

The bus service provides easy transportation to all five monuments and is good for all day from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The busses run every 30 minutes at each monument location are air-conditioned and provide panorama views.

For those that want to see the city first and then view the monuments all at once, this is an excellent way; you can stay on the bus for a round-trip tour lasting about one hour. Then you can take the bus to your first monument. The Trier Tour bus ticket is also good all day for city buses.

Tour bus tickets in euro cost 5.60 for adults and 2.80 for children.

In the end, combining these two programs makes for a full daytrip. Nowhere else in Germany can the influence of the Roman era be captured better than in Trier and with this “Five Times” adventure.

## Five sites facts

■Porta Nigra (Black Gate) – Roman city gate from the 2nd century A.D., greatest preserved castle gateway from Roman times. Today, it serves as Tier’s landmark.

■The Amphitheater – The arena, built around 100 A.D., for cruel games with gladiators and animals, had a seating capacity of 20,000. Below the area you go though is a large cellar where the gladiators and animals were held during the games.

■Barbarathermen (Foundations of the Barbara baths) – The foundations, cellar service tunnels and remains of the hollow floor heating system have survived. Built in the 2nd century A.D.

■Thermen am Viehmarkt (Forum Baths) – Results of excavations from 1987-1994 and are shown under a glass superstructure by Oswald M. Ungers: massive foundations of a Roman bath, medieval waste pits and cellar rooms of the baroque Capucin monastery.

■Kaisertherman (Imperial Baths) – The Roman Imperial palace from the fourth century had warm and cold baths as well as a sports ground.

For more information on both programs and other city events, programs or sights, call the Trier Tourist Office at 0651-978080. Information is also available on the city Web site at [www.trier.de](http://www.trier.de).